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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 8, 2005 OFFICE ACTION  
AND SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Communication is submitted in response to a February 8, 2005 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 8, 2005 Office Action is due May 8, 2005, but since this day is a Sunday a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday, i.e. Monday, May 9, 2005, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 5, 9, and 43 are pending and under examination in the subject application, with claim 9 allowed.

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §112 (Written Description)

In the February 8, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly reading on antisense oligonucleotides of any length, targeting any particular form of bcl-xL-encoding mRNA.